

MRFSS Facts and Figures

Mississippi 1998



Five Frequently Encountered Fish 1998					
Species	Number Caught (Thousands)	Number Harvested (Thousands)	Pounds Harvested (Thousands)	Number Released (Thousands)	Mean Length (Harvested Fish)
SPOTTED SEATROUT	776	332	443	444	15.1"
SAND SEATROUT	660	540	316	120	12.0"
RED DRUM	193	64	469	129	25.9"
RED SNAPPER	136	38	147	98	17.4"
SOUTHERN FLOUNDER	134	116	191	18	14.6"

Length data are reported as fork length. (For most species = tip of snout to fork in tail.)

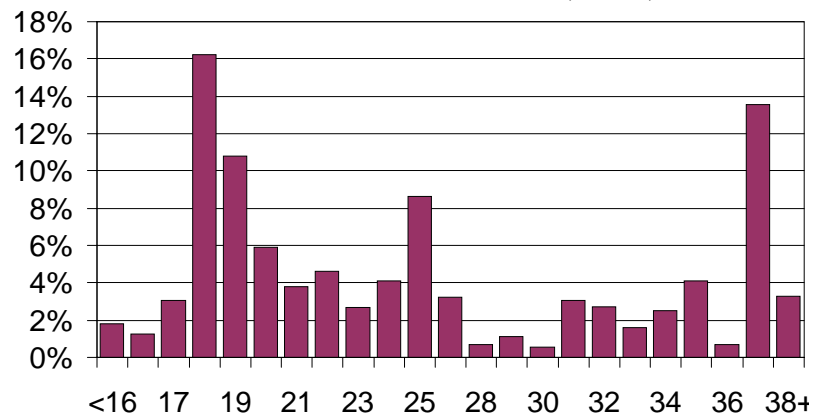
Red Drum

Sciaenops ocellata



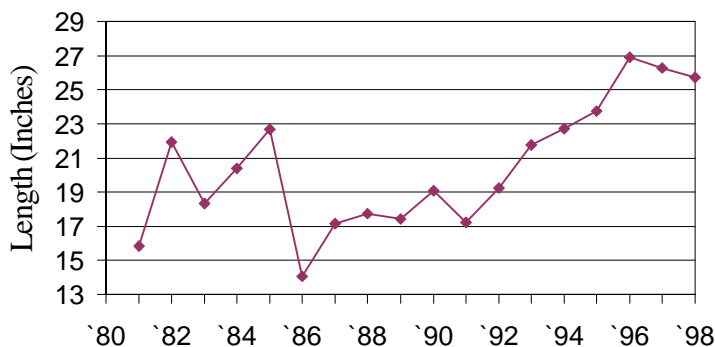
Since 1981, MRFSS field personnel have identified over 60 species of marine fish landed in Mississippi.

Length Distribution (in inches) Harvested Red Drum (1998)

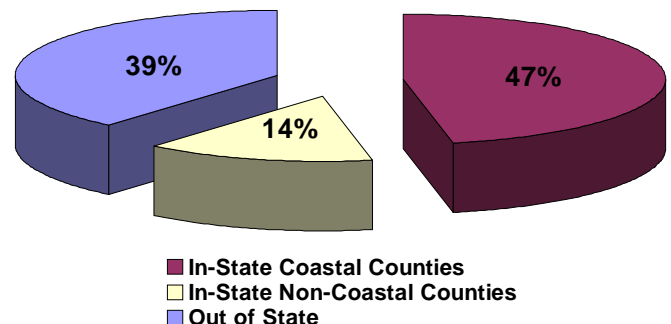


In 1998, nearly 33% of harvested red drum averaged between 18 and 19 inches in length.

Average Length of Harvested Red Drum (1981 - 1998)

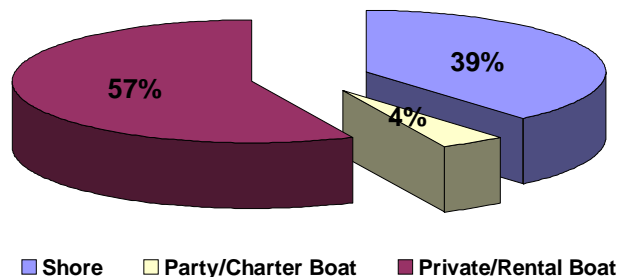


Mississippi Anglers' Area of Residence (1998)



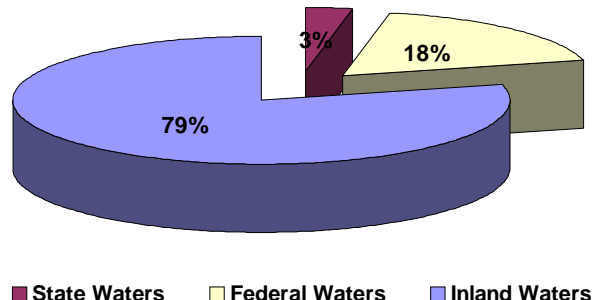
In 1998, nearly 175,000 anglers participated in Mississippi's Marine Recreational Fishery.

Saltwater Fishing Trips by Fishing Mode (1998)

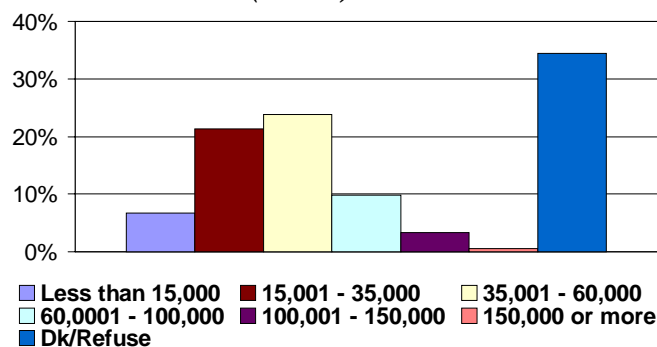


In 1998, anglers took nearly 828,000 saltwater fishing trips in Mississippi.

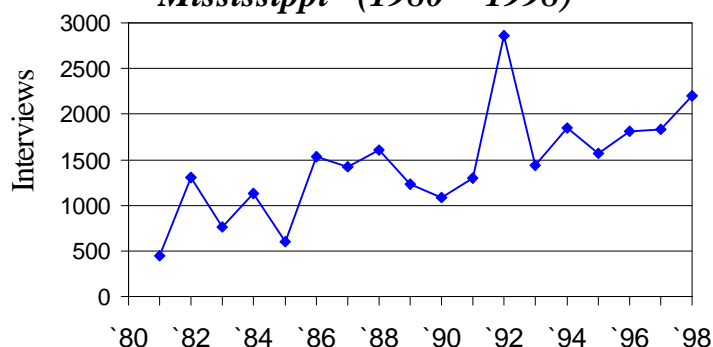
Saltwater Fishing Trips by Area Fished (1998)



Income Distribution for Mississippi Anglers (1997)

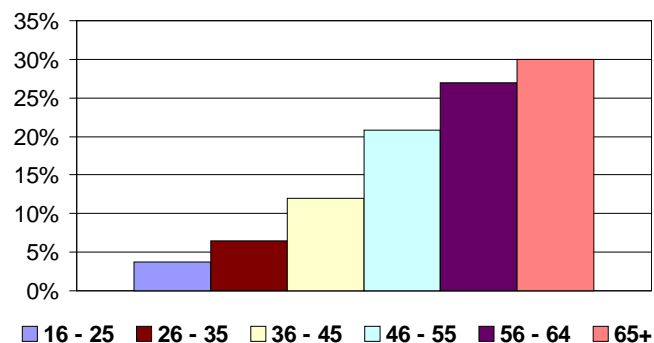


Number of Completed Field Surveys Mississippi (1980 - 1998)



In 1998, MRFSS field personnel completed 2,197 surveys in Mississippi.

Age Distribution of Mississippi Anglers (1997)



The base MRFSS sample size was increased by 150% for the Southeast U.S. (NC-LA) beginning in 1992.

Other large increases in the number of completed interviews represent years in which state contributions increased sample size.

Mississippi Department of Marine Resources personnel conduct the MRFSS field survey.

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MDMR - Rules and Regulations

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